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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT

According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 17th/August, through Sunday, 24th/August there were 212 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, O, 4S, 4U1I, 4W, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5N, 5R, 5T, 5W, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7P, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8R, 9A, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9V, 9X, 9Y, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C6, C9, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, EU, EX, EY, F, FG, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FW, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HZ, I, IS, J2, J3, J6, J7, JA, JT, JW, JX, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PY, PZ, S0, S2, S5, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TT, TU, TY, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VP2E, VP2M, VP5, VP8, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XU, YA, YB, YI, YJ, YK, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZD8, ZF, ZL, ZP, ZS

*** PLEASE NOTE:** The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later".

3D2, Fiji (Reminder)

By the time you read this, operators Stan/AC8W, Brian/KG8CO, Ted/K8AQM, and Lee/N8LJ should have left Tonga and moved onto **Tavenuni Island (OC-016)** in the Fiji's. They will be

active until September 2nd, as 3D2AC, 3D2CO, 3D2LJ, and 3D2TR. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY, using three K2s and one TS-590 along with two KPA-500s and one ALS-500 into verticals on the beach. QSL 3D2AC, 3D2CO and 3D2LJ via K8ESQ. QSL 3D2TR via K8AQM.

3W, VIETNAM

Bruce, 3W3B (HS0ZCY/XU7ADF/XW1B/AA4XR), who lives in Da Nang, announced that he will be active during the CQWW DX RTTY Contest (September 27-28th) as a Single-Op/High-Power entry. QSL via E21EIC or LoTW.

4W, TIMOR-LESTE

Bob, 5B4AGN/G3ZEM, will be active as 4W/G3ZEM from a water's edge location on the north shores of Timor Leste between October 8-20th. Activity will be all bands, 160-10 meters using primarily CW. There will be a focus towards the LF if conditions are favorable. His equipment will be a K3 with a KPA500 into a HF9V for HF and an 18m Spider pole supported vertical on 160/80m. QSL via M0URX; OQRS preferred.

7Q, MALAWI (Update/Postponed)

Roger, ZS6RJ, and members of the Black Mamba Contest & DXpedition Team, have informed OPDX the following [edited]:

> Due to work commitments, the team has changed the original timing of the 7QAA DXpedition from November 2014 to the following fixed dates in March 2015:
> 10 member CW team active between March 11-21st
> 10 member SSB/RTTY team active between March 22nd-April 1st
> Each team will operate 4 stations on the air together. Equipment will be 2x Elecraft K3's, 2x Kenwood TS-590's and 4x Expert 1K or 1.3K FA linear amplifiers. Antennas are 4x NA4RR hexbeams at 40 feet each with Yaesu rotators, 2x inverted L's with remote MFJ 1.5Kw tuners for 40 through 160 meters and K9AY receiving antennas. The SSB team will also participate in the CQWW WPX SSB Contest, and also operate some additional CW and PSK.
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> Both teams will be active from 160 through 10 meters. Daily free LoTW and Clublog uploads will be provided, and we will use the band-slot tracking feature in Clublog to promote a competitive spirit amongst the DX fraternity. They feel due to the extended 20 day operating period there will be ample time to work the "little pistols" as well as the band-slot chasers. QSL cards will be available after the event too - details of QSL manager route to follow.

8P, BARBADOS

Mike, G4BLH, will be active as 8P9MC from Barbados (NA-021) between August26th and September 1st. He is there visiting his daughter and her family. Activity will be on 20 and 10 meters using SSB, possibly some CW. He will use a FT857D with 100 watts into dipoles and vertical antennas. QSL via his home callsign, direct, by the Bureau or eQSL.

9X, RWANDA

Gordon, K7TRB, will be active as 9X0VA until October 2014. Bands and modes of activity were not provided, but he will use a Yaesu 757GX into a wire antenna. QSL via his home

callsign.

A5, BHUTAN (Update to OPDX.1176)

Pekka, OH2YY (A52YY), updates OPDX [edited]:

> "Concerning the A52, there will be some changes. I'm very pleased to tell you that Pekka, OH1TV, will be joining me. All the travel and accommodation arrangements are OK for both of us and now we are in the process of reconsidering what equipment and antennas we will take with us. At least this means two radios and more likely also more aluminum in the air. I'll keep you posted." Just a brief reminder (see **OPDX.1176**) that Pekka applied for the same callsign, A52YY, that he used last year. He will arrive in Paro late afternoon on Sept. 26th, and will depart on the morning of Oct. 2nd. QSL checking will be on **QRZ.com** and on LoTW. QSL cards directly to his home address or via SRAL QSL Bureau.

CY0, SABLE ISLAND (Press Releases/Updates)

[edited] Here is the latest updates on the CY0C DXpedition scheduled for September 8th:

> August 16th -"The CY0C DXpedition team has been informed by Parks Canada and Maritime Air Charter that flights to Sable Island have not been possible the last few weeks due to the beach conditions on the island. The weather on Sable has been extremely dry and the sand "runway" on the island is too soft and loose to attempt landings. Even when landings were possible, the aircraft had to be lightly loaded. Parks Canada, Maritime Air and the CY0C team will continue to assess the weather and landing conditions on the island leading up to September 8th. Meanwhile, pre- parations continue on schedule. N0TG and WA4DAN have shipped gear and antennas to fellow team member VE1RGB in Halifax, Nova Scotia. The CY0C team will issue frequent updates leading up to September 8th."
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> August 23rd - "One-Day DXpedition to Sable Island, CY0C, scheduled for Monday, September 8, 2014 -- A team consisting of VE1RGB, WA4DAN, and N0TG, each of whom have previously operated from Sable Island, plan to depart from Halifax, Nova Scotia, weather permitting, around 1115Z on Monday, September 8. Departure from Sable Island is planned for 2245Z, which should allow for approximately 8 hours of operating time. The special call sign, CY0C, has been issued for this operation.
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> At the moment, the policy of Parks Canada is that '... visits to Sable Island shall be restricted to daylight hours only...'
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> One of the objectives of the CY0C DXpedition is to assess the feasi- bility and practicality for future one-day amateur radio DXpeditions to Sable Island..
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> For this operation, N0TG will primarily operate CW on 17 and 30 meters while WA4DAN will operate SSB on 20 meters. VE1RGB will take the lead in assessing the operations and determine technical methods and opera- tional techniques to improve efficiencies. A detailed 'feasibility assessment' with recommendations that, hopefully, could encourage future groups to consider one-day DXpeditions, will be shared with the DX community.

Any last minute changes in schedule, due to weather conditions, beach conditions, etc. will be posted to the team website at **www.cy0dxpedition.com**, as well as to the various DX bulletins."

FS, ST. MARTIN

John, K9EL, will once again be active as FS/K9EL from **St. Martin (NA-105**, DIFO FS-001, WLOTA 0383, WW Loc. FK88) between November 20th and December 2nd. Activity will be on 160-6 meters. He will be running 500 watts into a 3 element yagi on 6m, dipoles for 10-30m and a vertical for 40-80-160m. John will operate on 60m if there is interest. This will be a holiday trip with only a minimal effort for the CQWW DX CW Contest. Usually there are daily uploads to ClubLog and LoTW. QSL via his home callsign. John states, "This year I am planning a Twitter experiment and will tweet my operating frequency/mode at the beginning of my daily activity and also each time when I change bands, change modes, QRT for meals, beach, etc. Those interested in following my operating activities during my trip, can follow me at https://twitter.com/FSK9EL."

IOTA NEWS

EU-080. A Spanish team will be active as EG1EI (confirmation pending) for the first time on **Estela de Fora Island** (DIE O-229, ARLHS SPA-069) between August 29-31st. Operators mentioned are Nardo/EC1DD, Alberto/EA1IQM and Miguel/EA1BP. Activity will be mainly SSB on the HF bands (two stations). QSL via EC1DD, direct or by the Bureau.

EU-174. Laci, HA0HW, will once again be active from **Thassos Island** (GIOTA NAS-037, MIA MG-124, WLOTA LH-4186, QRA KN20HS), as SW8WW (ex-J48HW) between September 12-22nd. He will operate mainly CW, with some SSB and RTTY, on the HF bands (usually on 80/40/30/20/17/12/10 meters) and on 6 meters. His rigs are usually a FT-840 with a MOS-FET amplifier (300-400 watts) and an IC-706 (for 6m only). Antennas are a monoband Gps and dipoles on fishing poles. QSL via his home callsign, direct, by the HA Bureau, or by the OQRS via ClubLog is 'OK' as well.

NA-046. Bill, K2HVN, will be on Martha's Vineyard on September 20th, for one day. He will also be on **Nantucket Island** September 21st for one day. He states, "I will have 20m CW/SSB, 30m, 40m CW/SSB, and 17m ONLY SSB. I will try to be on 14040, 10115 and 7035 kHz CW and 14260, 7055, and 18128 kHz SSB." QSL via his home callsign.

NA-067. John, N4DSP, will be active from **Ocracoke Island** between August 25-29th. Activity will be on 40, 20, and 10 meters if open. Operations will be mostly CW, but he will do some SSB on the traditional IOTA frequencies for those bands. John will be using a KX3 running 5 watts and an LNR End Fed antenna. QSL via his home callsign direct only (see **QRZ.com**; NO Bureau).

OC-218. (Update/Dates) Operators Cezar/VE3LYC and Bob/KD1CT will attempt to operate from **Matthew Island** for 4 days between September 4-7th. They will maintain one station on the air around the clock, operating on all bands from 40-10 meters using CW and SSB. The team will not use an amplifier. QSL via VE3LYC, direct or by the Bureau. A OQRS will be available from ClubLog. For more details and updates, see:

http://tx4a.yolasite.com

OC-294. (Update/Dates) Operators Cezar/VE3LYC, Craig/VK5CE, Johan/PA3EXX and Bob/KD1CT will attempt to operate from **Sandy Islet** between September 15-19th as VK6ISL. They plan to have two stations on around-the-clock, using CW and SSB, on 40-10 meters. For one of the two stations, the Team will employ a solid state 400 watts amp, whereas the second station will use 100 watts. They will bring vertical antennas for 15m, 20m, and a multi-band antenna. The Pilot Station will be Bob, WB2YQH. Their Web page states, "Sandy Islet represents the last IOTA group of Australia still waiting to be brought on the air for the first time!

After multiple rounds of communication during the last almost three years, we are extremely pleased to report that the Department of Parks and Wildlife of Western Australia have agreed to approve a landing and operating permit for the Team. This permit is valid until September 30th, before the start of the Giant Green Turtles hatching season." QSL via VE3LYC (see Web page), direct or by the Bureau. An OQRS will be available at ClubLog. For more details and updates, watch:

http://vk6isl.weebly.com

SA-044. Members from Grupo DX Caracas will be active as YW5D from **Isla la Tortuga** (WLOTA 3027, ARLHS VEN-047) between August 26-31st. Activity will be on 160-2 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. For suggested frequencies, see **QRZ.com**. QSL via DM4TI.

N6, UNITED STATES

Operators Todd/KH2TJ, Bruce/K6ST, William/WB6CZG and Mike/K7MS were expected to be active as N6L in a DXpedition to Lassen Volcanic National Park, between August 21-25th. Activity is to celebrate Lassen Volcanic Nat'l Park's 98th Birthday. Operations are on 80-10 meters using CW, SSB, and the Digital (PSK31, JT65, RTTY) modes. QSL N6L via KH2TJ.

PJ5, SINT EUSTATIUS (5V7 Togo Postponed!)

The Czech DXpedition team that was expected to go to Togo for 14 days, between September 25th and October 3rd, have postponed their operation and have opted to go to Sint Eustatius (PJ5) instead. It was announced on the CDXP Web page, August 20th [edited]:

> "Due to unexpected development of EBOLA disease in neighboring West Africa Countries we have decided to postpone 5V7's activities until 2015."

This year, during the same period they will activate PJ5 and sign PJ5/homecall and PJ5/OL8R. Activity "should" be the same as their planned 5V7 (160-10 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. They plan to be in the CQWW DX RTTY Contest (September 27-28th)). QSL via OK6DJ, direct, by the Bureau, eQSL, LoTW or using the OQRS on ClubLog. For more details and updates, see their Web pages at:

http://www.cdxp.cz

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https://www.facebook.com/groups/1472348776313779

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (August 25-31st)

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Aug/25th AN      Aug/28th  AN      Aug/30th  AN
Aug/26th AN      Aug/29th  HN      Aug/31st  HN
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Aug/27th AN

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SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE
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 NORMALITY                GEOMAG       K Values    Alpha
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AN  - Above Normal        Quiet        K=0-1       0-7
HN  - High Normal         Unsettled    K=2         8-15
LN  - Low Normal          Active       K=3         16-29
BN  - Below Normal        Minor Storm  K=4         30-49
DIS - Disturbed           Major Storm  K=5         50-99
VRY DIS - Very Disturbed Severe Storm K=6-9        100-400
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QSL INFO AND NEWS

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QSL-INFO from DB0SDX (August 24th)
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4O7ML via DL3ML           GB100ZZ via OQRS          OT6V/P via ON6VI
4C2L via XE2L (d)         HA/DH7KU/P via DH7KU      PA/ON2WAB/P via ON2WAB
4J0SFR via 4J5T (d-US-add) HA60KWO via HA8LKM       PA73CORSO via PD0RWL
4W/PE7T via PE7T (B/L)    HB0/G6WRW/P via G6WRW     R12QRP/5 via RM7K
6K0HG via DS2CYI          HB14SAF via HB9ACA        R228L via RQ7L
9A/VE3ZIK via DK8ZZ      HF2014VB via SP5PPK       R44QKO via RU3KO
9A/IZ3GNG via IZ3GNG     HF30IL via SP8ZKX         RA/DL5WW via DL5WW
5E7R via EB7DX            HK1T via EA5KB            RI1O via R7AA
A41OO via A61BK (d)       HS50RAST via E21EIC       RM9A via UA9APA
A71/WT2NY via A71A        IA5/IZ5NFD via IZ5NFD     S01WS via EA2JG
A92AA via IZ8CLM          II1TLA via I1YRL (CW)     SH2014ECC via SM2GSR
AM01AQO via EA1AQO        II1TLA via IZ1GZF (SSB)   SJ2014ECC via SK2AT
AM01TI via EA1TI          IT9/I1ASU/P via I1ASU     SN30IL via SP8KBZ
AM04TD via EA4TD          JI1FGX/DU9 via JJ2VLY     SN700M via SP3ZAT
C91WDL via ZS6WDL (e)     K0K via K0RH              T88DF via JH2DFJ
CX7BBR via EA6SK          K0N via K0VXU             TK/OE9MHV via OE9MHV
DD5LP via VK2JI           K0R via AA0FO             TM70DP via F4AHJ
DL/F5RHD/P via F5RHD      KH0/K6WP via JQ1TIV       TM9FAJ via F8BMG
E72NATO via E72NATO       KH0/W5SEA via W5SEA (L/e) UE85AGN via RK4YYY
EG1JRA via EA1RKA         LT7H via EA5GL            VP2MPX via IK2DUW
EH3FPT via EA3RCY         LU5FF via EA5KB and (L)   W0D via W0OJY
EH7FM via EA7DN           N0O via W0NO              XO2C via VE3RHE
F/DL6BBT via DL6BBT       N0R via NS0R              YU/YO2MSB/P via YO2MSB
F5VIZ via DF7IB           OP147MN via ON2KP         ZD8N via G3ZVW
FP/F5KAQ via F5RJM        OS8A via ON8VK
  (e) eQSL only  (d) direct only   (B) Bureau only  (L) LoTW only
  (O) OQRS only  (C) ClubLog only
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"**A52JR QSLs** are being rejected for DXCC due to lack of documentation", states, Steve, K6UM.

NEW TG9AJR QSL ROUTE. Juan, TG9AJR, informs OPDX that he has a new QSL Manager. He is NR6M, and Rex will accept QSLs via direct and from the ARRL Bureau. Juan does upload to LoTW.

QSL RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 9A5K, A71/WT2NY, BX5AG, CT1BXT, CX7BBR, DC9ZP, DK3RA, EA6GK, EA7TG, JR4OZR, NH0J, ON6AT, PA3DBS, PB8DX, PC7H, RU3FM, SQ2RBR, SV9CVY, VE2SG, VE5MX, VK8NSB, YY8DAR, ZS8C and ZS8Z

QSLS RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 6W/G3TXF, AJ2L/AH0, FT5ZM, JW/KH0PR, LA7QIA, LA7WNA, OD5NJ/P, OH5TS, PR5C, TF/G3TXF, YF1AR/5, YF1AR/6 and ZS8Z

QSLS RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: 4K9W, 4K0CW, 5B4/DF3IS/P, 9V1XX, 9H3KK, B3/DL8UI, BA4WR, BA7IO, BA7IO/4, BA7KM, BD3MV, BD4TD, BD4TS/5, BD6IC, BD8ASG, BH4SCF, BI7KAG, BY1OK, BY1OK/2, CP4BT, CT9/DK7YY, DR89WARD, ES0/SP7VC, HF685DM, J78GU, JD1BMH, KH8/DL6JGN, MD/DM5DM, NH8S, OH/SP7VC, OH0/DL1SVA/P, PJ4/SP7FIH, SN110RAEM, SN13E, TA4/DL9USA, UN7AB, UP0L, V5/DJ4SO, VP2MOM, YW0RCV, Z24EA and ZK3N

RI1, ANTARCTICA

Operators Oleg/ZS1ANF, Slava/RD3MX, Alex/UA1PAW will be active as RI1ANR from Novo Runway Airbase (Blue Ice Runway) between November 2014 and March 2015. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via RK1PWA.

T8, PALAU (Update)

Operator Yutaka, JH1MLO, will be joining Takashi "Taka", JH1UVV, and be active as T88HR and T88UN, respectively, from the "West Plaza By The Sea Hotel Rental Shack" on **Koror Island (OC-009)** between August 28-31st. Activity will be holiday style on the HF bands. QSL via their home callsigns. No eQSL or LoTW.

T8, PALAU

Tony, KQ2I, will once again be active as T88AT from the "Palau Pacific Resort" on **Arakabesan Island (OC-009)** in the Koror State between August 24th and September 3rd. Activity will be mainly CW on 40 and 30 meters. QSL via his home callsign.

T8, PALAU (Update)

Nobuaki, JH1QJU (ex-JA0JHQ), informs OPDX that he will once again be active, but with his new callsign T88PB (not T88ZD) from the VIP-Guest Hotel in Koror City, Palau, between September 4-8th. Activity will be on the HF bands, but the main purpose is to be in the All-Asian SSB Contest. QSL via JH1QJU. His schedule is as follows:

> **Sept. 5th** -- from morning till mid-night: 17m or 12m SSB, and if 10m has good condition, he will operate.
> **Sept. 6th** -- from 0000z ALL-Asian SSB Contest, mainly 15m. Depending on the conditions, 10m or 20m.
> **Sept. 7th** -- in the morning, ALL-Asian SSB Contest, 75m or 40m. During the daytime, 15m/10m depending on the conditions.
> **Sept. 8th** -- CW operating (he says,"but my skill is poor!") on 15m.

For more details and update, see his Web page at:

http://pandasan.jimdo.com

V4, ST. KITTS AND NEVIS

Dave, WJ2O, and his XYL Chris will be on holiday from the Caribbean during the American Thanksgiving holiday. They will first travel to Puerto Rico (KP4) and stay a few days. Dave states that he has no plans to operate from there. However, they will continue on to Basseterre which is on the Island of St. Kitts (V4). They have rented a villa on the side of a mountain

south of the Capital City of Basseterre where he plans to set up his radio and be active as V4/WJ2O. Activity will between November 26th and December 2nd. Operations will include the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 29-30th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Lower-Power entry. QSL via N2ZN. For more details and updates, see:

http://www.WJ2O.com

VK9MT VIDEOS AVAILABLE TO VIEW

Four new videos have been posted on the VK9MT Mellish Reef Web page (as well as on YouTube.com) on the recent 2014 March/April DXpedition. Titles of the videos are "Mellish Reef 2014 Collage", "Sailing to Mellish Reef", "VK9MT setup" and "VK9MT setup, short form". Videos can be found at **http://vk9mt.com** under the "Media" tab and then the "Video" tab.

VP9, BERMUDA

Bill, K2HVN, will be on his very first DX adventure as VP9/K2HVN from **Bermuda (NA-005)** between November 3-10th. He states, "I will be on 17m CW/SSB, 20m CW/SSB, and 30m CW. The freq. will be 14040, 10115, and 18085 kHz CW and 14260 and 18128 kHz SSB. NO 40 meters. QSL via his home callsign.

VQ9, CHAGOS ISLANDS (Reminder)

By the time you read this, Bob, N7XR, should be active as VQ9XR from **Diego Garcia (AF-006)** for the next 3 weeks as of August 25th. This operation will be followed up by a 1 week trip in October or November. Activity will be focused on CW and RTTY (some SSB) during these trips. Operations will be on 160-10 meters using an IC7600 with an amp into a SteppIR-BigIR, Spiderbeam and dipoles for 80/160m. No 6 meters this trip (no antenna). QSL via NN1N, direct only (No Bureau or LoTW). Look for possible updates on:

http://www.wake-diego2014.org

VR2, HONG KONG

Jeffrey, K0UU, will be active as VR2UU from **Hong Kong (AS-006**, WLOTA 1591) until the end of 2015. QSL via LoTW preferred. His direct mailing address is good through December 2015 at: Jeffrey Strandberg, 80 Robinson Rd, T1-20C, Hong Kong S.A.R.

XX9, MACAO

Andrea "Andy", IK7YTT, will be active as XX9TYT from **Coloane Island (AS-075)** between September 4-8th. Activity will be on 40-10 meters using SSB. Operations will a include the All Asian DX SSB Contest (September 6-7th). Before the contest he will try to focus on 40m. Rig is a Ten Tec Omni VII using an Acom 1000 amp into Ultrabeam for 40-6m. QSL via IZ8CCW.

ZA, ALBANIA

Several sources are reporting that Yuris, YL2GM/YL7A, will be active as ZA/YL7A from Pogradec between August 26-31st. Activity will be on 80-10 meters (no 30/17/12m) using CW, SSB and RTTY. Operations will include the SCC RTTY Contest (August 30-31st). QSL via his home callsign.

ZD8, ASCENSION ISLAND (Reminder)

Steve, G3ZVW, will once again be active as ZD8N from Georgetown between August 21-29th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. Look for him during the evenings, early mornings, and over the weekend. QSL via his home callsign, by the Bureau or direct.

ZD9, TRISTAN DA CUNHA & GOUGH ISLANDS

Paul, ZS1S (ZD9ZS), and possibly another operator will be visiting Tristan da Cunha in September/October (the ZD9 callsigns will be announced in due course). Operators will be traveling to and from Cape Town on the South African Antarctic supply ship, the "SA Agulhas II". The ship is scheduled to depart on September 4th, arrive at Tristan da Cunha four to five days later depending on the weather and sea conditions. It will depart for Gough Island after a few days and return to Tristan da Cunha ready for the scheduled departure on October 4th. The duration of the return trip to Cape Town will again be four or five days. There may be an opportunity to operate as /MM. A six meter propagation beacon, ZD9SIX, will be installed during the time on the island. The complete details will be made known in the next two weeks.

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